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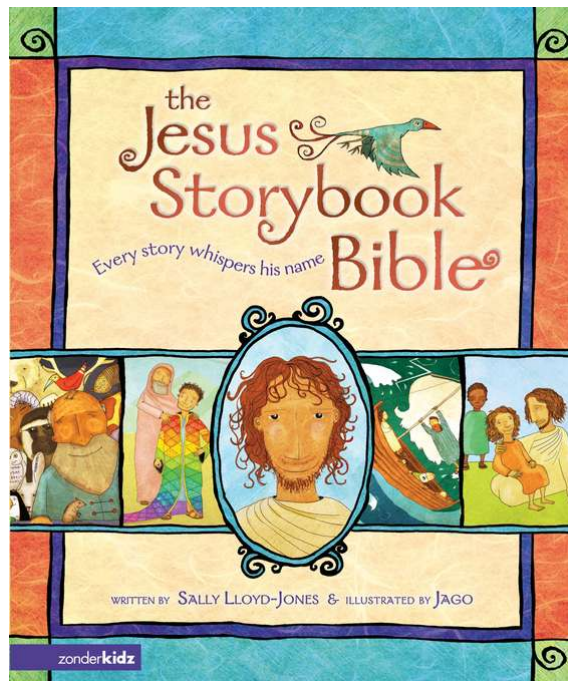
### **2017 Worship/Study Plan: *The Jesus Storybook Bible***

We are excited to announce the plan for our next year's focus for worship and churchwide study—a series based on the sweep of Biblical narrative as presented in the popular book by Sally Lloyd-Jones. *The Jesus Storybook Bible* offers an accessible presentation of salvation history from the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, with tenderness, humor, and theological richness.

Why study a children's Bible storybook? We offer this opportunity as a way to invite and encourage all of God's children, whatever their ages, to learn the story of God's saving love in Jesus Christ. We envision classes, groups, individuals and families gathering to relive the story of God's love. We want to make it easy for children to snuggle with their parents, grandparents, and teachers to learn together the Truth that gives us Life. And we trust that even the most learned and intellectual among us will be refreshed and blessed by the opportunity to experience the highlights of the scriptures in one sweeping study.

We believe strongly that this series will strengthen and bless everyone who shares in it, and so John Knox is providing a free copy of *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, to each household in our church. All you have to do is let us know as soon as possible that you want your copy, and we will distribute them in December, in time for Christmas gifting.

Use the flyer in the worship bulletin, or email Mandy Scott in the church office ([m.scott@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:m.scott@johnknoxpres.org)), to reserve your free copy of *The Jesus Storybook Bible*.



# This Sunday's Worship

[Exodus 16:16-24](#)

[Mark 6:30-44](#)

"What are We Teaching our Kids about Money"

Charlie Pratt

Click [here](#) for bulletin



**No Wednesday Night Live activities this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## Operation Christmas Child ~ Deadline is this Sunday!



We are asking each family to pack at least one shoe box for needy children all over the world. If you start now packing and preparing your boxes, you can save money and maybe pack more boxes for poor children all over the world. This not only brightens their day, but it also spreads the word about God's love to children everywhere whomight not have heard that message otherwise.

This year we will have some pre-made shoe boxes available on the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Or, you can use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. You can buy these at Dollar Tree or Dollar General. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label from the Operation Christmas Child [website](#), check the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Click [here](#) for gift ideas.

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using our "[Follow Your Box Donation](#)" option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop it off in the Fellowship Hall during our collection week, by **this Sunday, November 20, 2016**.

*Thank you* for continuing year after year to brighten the lives of needy children all over the world! Questions? Call Harriette Drescher 864 982-8870 or [orhbdresch@aol.com](mailto:orhbdresch@aol.com)

## Christmas Program Reminders

**Hanging of the Greens** – All of our children ages K3 – 5th grades are invited to sing at the Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday, November 27. The service begins at 5:00 in the sanctuary with a reception following in the Fellowship Hall. Please have your children wear Christmas colors and meet Mrs. Martin in the sanctuary at 4:45. They will sing at the beginning of the service and then go sit with their families.



**Children's Christmas Program** – Our children will be performing during our Wednesday Night Live program on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We have been practicing on Wednesday nights. Since there will be no WNL on November 23, our next practice will be on Wednesday, November 30 from 6:00-6:25. (\*Note earlier time. Make sure your kid seat fast that night!) There will be a Chamber Singers concert that night (11/30) starting at 6:30 in the sanctuary, and all children and families are invited to come enjoy some beautiful Christmas music. If your child does not choose to attend the concert, we will have activities available for them after their choir practice from 6:30-7:15.

## Thornwell Offering

Thornwell donations are due this Sunday, November 20. The children have been collecting coins in their Thornwell turkey cards, and are asked to turn in their donations with their Sunday school or church offerings this Sunday. Thank you for supporting Thornwell Home for Children.



*Please refer to your Children's Ministry Newsletter for more details about these and other events for our children! Any questions, contact Susan Felton at [sfelton@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:sfelton@johnknoxpres.org).*

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## Youth News



All youth will be participating in the Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday, November 27 at 5:00. Look for details in your Youth Newsletter.

Our Senior Highs are working hard on their annual Christmas Play. They will perform on Wednesday, December 7 in the Fellowship Hall during our WNL program. The preschool and elementary children will be performing a short program at 6:30, and the youth play will follow. Junior Highs are asked to be here to support the Senior Highs and will be asked to join them on stage for some Christmas carols to end the show. Please make sure all Senior Highs are here on Wednesday and Sunday evenings for practice!



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## Kindergarten News

**Parent's Night Out Fundraiser:** We will have our first Parent's Night Out fundraiser on Friday, December 2, from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have an evening out, dinner with friends, Christmas shopping time, etc. while the Kindergarten and PDO staff take care of your children. This is a fundraiser for our program with 100% of proceeds helping to purchase things that benefit your children.

Children will receive dinner once they arrive and they will be kept busy with many fun activities throughout the evening. Details are specified below:

-DATE: Friday, December 2

-TIME: 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

-COST: \$25 per child OR \$20 per child for 2 or more children.

-DINNER: Pizza, cookies, and juice. (Parent of infants and toddlers are asked to send in something for their children)

-ACTIVITIES: PDO children will play in their classrooms. K-2 will have a little art project to do. An age appropriate video may be shown.

K-3 thru 3rd grade children will be divided up into groups with friends to complete an art project, go on a flashlight walk in the church, play in the classroom and gym, and watch an age appropriate video.

WE ENCOURAGE KIDS TO WEAR THEIR PAJAMAS!

Please call Laurie at 322-0045 to sign up OR pick up a sign up sheet in the office and leave in Laurie's mailbox. Payment is due on December 2nd. We look forward to taking care of and having fun with your children while you enjoy the night out.

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The Kindergarten classes will perform for our annual **Christmas musical program** on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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**Holiday schedule** for Kindergarten / PDO is as follows: No School on Wednesday through Friday, November 23 - 25. Also, no school from Monday, December 19 through January 1. Classes resume on Monday, January 2.

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**Special Announcement:** John Knox Kindergarten classes are putting up a Christmas tree at the Hyatt Hotel as part of the Festival of Trees that is held there every year. All the decorations have been made in art class with Mrs. Sharp.

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## Ornaments

Our John Knox Christmas ornaments are back! The youth will be selling these beautiful wooden ornaments during the month of December. Ornaments will be \$12 apiece, and will be available for purchase on Sundays before and after church. Please plan to purchase one or more of these for your collection. They make great gifts! Thank you for supporting our youth!



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## Is it Far to Bethlehem?

*Please join us for the annual Christmas concert presented by the Greenville Chamber Singers on Wednesday November 30, 2016 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.*

*This free performance will include familiar*



favorites as well as new music, featuring works by Benjamin Britten, John Rutter, Greenville's own Dan Forrest, and arrangements by Stephen Hatfield, Michael Engelhardt & Rose Dunphy.

The Greenville Chamber Singers is a non-profit 501(c)3 four-part women's chorus formed in 1996. The group is under the direction of **Angela Lemere**, district choral coordinator at Dorman High School. **Come and let us put you in the Christmas spirit!**

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**If you would like to contribute to the Christmas Flower Fund in honor or memory of someone, please click [here](#), print and fill out the form, and turn in to the church office.**



## Calling all singers

We need YOU in our combined adult choir for our Hanging of the Greens service which will be held on November 27. We would love to have ANY church folks join us, whether you have been in church choir or not! We are holding two extended rehearsals to prepare for this endeavor: Sunday, November 20 3:00-4:30 and Sunday November 27 3:00-4:30 in the sanctuary choir loft. We will be singing some wonderful Advent and Christmas selections so please come and help us spread the joy of this special season!



## Holiday Calendar

**Sunday, November 27** - 1st Sunday of Advent  
Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 AM  
Hanging of the Greens service at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary  
Nursery provided. Reception following.

**Wednesday, November 30**  
Chamber Singers concert at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary (see article above)

**Sunday, December 4** - 2nd Sunday of Advent  
Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 AM

**Wednesday, December 7**  
Christmas Program by our children and youth in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm.  
This will be our last WNL until 2017.

**Sunday, December 11** - 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 AM  
Special musical presentation by our John Knox Choirs at both services.

**Wednesday, December 14**  
No Wednesday Night programs

**Sunday, December 18** - 4th Sunday of Advent  
Worship Services at 8:45 and 11:00 AM ~ Christmas Joy Offering will be collected.

**Wednesday, December 21**  
No Wednesday Night programs

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**  
5:00 PM - A Family Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary  
5:45 PM - Christmas Banquet - Pre-paid envelopes will be available in the church pews beginning November 20. Please turn in your reservations by Dec. 21.  
7:00 PM - Our Traditional Christmas Eve Service- Sanctuary with Communion and Candle Lights  
11:00 PM - Casual Christmas Eve Service - Chapel

**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day**  
One Worship Service at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary (no Sunday School)

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, November 21**  
7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast  
7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team

**Tuesday, November 22**  
10:00 AM Quilters  
11:45 Men's 3x5 Monthly Lunch  
7:00 PM Volleyball  
Boy Scouts

**Wednesday, November 23**  
10:30 Staff Meeting

**Thursday, November 24**  
10:00 AM Thanksgiving –  
Church office closed

**Friday, November 25**  
10:30 AM Church office closed

**Saturday, November 26**  
5:00 PM Chin Church Gathering

**Sunday, November 27**  
8:45 AM Worship in Chapel  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship in Sanctuary  
1:30 PM Chin Church Worship  
3:00-8:30 Basketball practices  
5:00 Hanging of the Greens

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**The church office will be closed on November 24-25 in observance of Thanksgiving.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

November

- 17 - Sam Griggs, Chad Fernander
- 18 - Lucero Sewell, Ethan Whatley
- 19 - Patricia Gibson, Susan Felton
- 20 - Pam Oates, Heidi Grant
- 22 - Dick Graham, Tracy Gardner
- 23 - Katie Roark, Lee Ledford, Jake Osborne

## Mailbox

### United Ministries

We donated \$170.00 worth of food to United Ministriesthis month. As I was unloading our contribution, an older lady wasleaving with a bag of food. She thanked me and said she really appreciated it. May our Lord Jesus bless everyone who took part in thistmost important ministry.

Thank you,

Kathy Hopkins



Thank you to my JohnKnox Family. I want to thank you for all the cards, visits, and delicious food. Most of all, thank you for all your prayers. Your prayers have helped me recover quickly.

Mary Price



## By the Numbers

Attendance on November 13:

8:45 - 77

11:00 - 186

Weekly ExpenseBudget: \$17,827.00

Weekly Offering Received: \$8,059.90

Expense Budget YTD: \$820,042.00

Offering Received YTD: \$680,726.41

### First Gift

#### 2017 Stewardship andMission Giving

Pledges Received To Date: 161

Amount Pledged: \$645,372.00

*Please return pledge cards tochurch office as soon as possible. Thankyou!*

Please email all submissions for Steepetalk to [m.scott@johnknoxpres.org](mailto:m.scott@johnknoxpres.org). For Thursday publication, information must be received by Tuesday at 12 PM.

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